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**PASTOR:** Fr. Vito Marziliano

# **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# **BAPTISMS:**

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

# **MARRIAGES:**

Couples must contact the Pastor one year in advance.

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

St. Patrick's (905) 794-0411 Holy Spirit (905) 794-8039 Francis McSpiritt (905) 794-5031 Our Lady of Lourdes (905) 913-1703 St. André Bessette (905) 913-2567

# **SECONDARY SCHOOL:**

Cardinal Ambrozic (905) 913-2989

# **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. English 8:30 a.m. English 10:00 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Italian 1:00 p.m. English 7:30 p.m. English

# **WEEKDAY MASS:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

# **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Anytime



# **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:**

Finance Council, Ministers of the Eucharist,
Lectors, Altar Servers, Seniors Group,
Seniors Group - meets Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.,
Catholic Women's League - 1st Monday of the month,
Knights of Columbus - 3rd Thursday of the month,
Prayer Group - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.,
Choirs - English: Tuesday 8:00 p.m. - Italian: Thursday 8:00 p.m.

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent**



Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30 am In honour of St. Ambrose

Caterina Maida / Carmine Di Camillo 5:00 pm

Rasammah Thembithurai

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 am Mario Carvalho

10:00 am Luigi & Antonietta Rossi

Francesco & Maria Addario

Maria Helena Melo / Maria Mastrangelo

Merces Correia / Sue Picano

Francesco & Maria Onorata Brugnano

**Elvira Orefice** 11:30 am

Giacomo Sestito

1:00 pm For persecuted Christians

7:30 pm Incoronata Ceschin

# Monday, December 9, 2019

# Feast of the Immaculate Conception

In honour of the 8:30 am

Immaculate Conception

In honour of the Immaculate 7:30 pm

Conception

# Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:00 am Mass at Cardinal Ambrozic High School

9:45 am St. Patrick School mass (in church)

1:00 pm Annunziata Carrá

In onore della Madonna di Loretto

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:30 am For the sick

1:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes School Mass

Thursday, December 12, 2019

8:30 am For blessings upon those who are alone this

Christmas

1:30 pm Fr. Francis McSpiritt School mass 5:00 pm **Confirmation - Session 2-B** 

First Reconciliation/First Communion 7:00 pm

Session 2-B

# Friday, December 13, 2019

8:30 am For all parishioners

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:30 am For all people

10:00 am First Reconciliation/First Communion

Session 2-A

11:30 am **Confirmation - Session 2-A** 

5:00 pm Jack Swinimer / Toby

Sunday, December 15, 2019-Blessing of statues of Baby Jesus

Felix Rodrigues / Nella Sergo 8:30 am 10:00 am **Humberto & Manuel Benevides** 

11:30 am Giuseppe Pietrangelo

Teresa & Vincenzo Ristagno

Antonio, Amelia & Eugenia Satino

1:00 pm For Christmas blessings upon the community

Leonardo Giampietro

7:30 pm For all the people

# FROM THE DESK OF FR. VITO Greetings parishioners and dear friends of St. Patrick's Church





Last Sunday, from Greccio (Italy), the location where St. Francis of Assisi built the first Manger scene, Pope Francis encouraged families and groups to building

NATIVITY SCENE at home, schools, places of work and other centres where Christian communities meet. wish to echo the Holy Father's invitation to encourage everyone, in the varieties of traditions, to create in their homes, images that narrate the story of Christ's Holy Birth. It may be simply a poster, a postcard, some figurines, either newly purchased or handed down from grandparents. It may be a picture Bible open to the story of the Birth.....Let us celebrate the joy and peace which the Angels sang that first Christmas.

**NEXT WEEKEND**, (December 14 & 15) at every mass, we will bless statues of the Baby Jesus from the crib in your homes. Bring the statue to be blessed and bring home, with that statue, the blessings of the Liturgy and of the faith community.

With prayerful best wishes......Fr. Vito

# LITURGICAL MEETINGS FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm (in the church)

Meeting for all ushers

Interested parishioners wishing to join either of these ministries are welcome to attend.



# **BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2020**

Boxes of Sunday envelopes for the new year are still available for pick up in the parish hall. You will find them placed in alphabetical order. wishing to receive a box of envelopes (who have not used them before), please pick up a new unassigned box in the Sacristy, right after Mass. We ask you to please pick up your box as soon as possible. There are a great number of activities going on in the parish and the basement is the only place we have available. Please pick up your box before or after Mass.



"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

**Pope Francis** 

## **CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT**

Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season on preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

We will be hearing confessions during Advent as follows:

Every Saturday 4 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday, December 18 9 am - 12 noon

6 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, December 21 3 pm - 5 pm Christmas Eve 10 am - Noon





Come join us for our year end Advent social:

# **EDGE: Friday December 13**

(Open to students in Gr. 6 - 8) 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

# **LIFE TEEN: Saturday December 14**

(Open to students Gr. 9 - 12 ) Mass 5:00 pm / Dinner & Social 6:00 - 8:45 pm

For further info, contact Liza at <a href="mailto:spywildfield@gmail.com">spywildfield@gmail.com</a>



# SANTA WILL BE HERE WITH TWO OF HIS BELOVED REINDEER....

Sunday, December 8 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Join us in our parking lot **TODAY**, Sunday, December 8 from 2:30-5:30 pm for hot chocolate, candy canes and a visit from Santa himself! Parents and friends will have the opportunity to take photographs to remember the event in years to come!



# ITEMS FROM BETHLEHEM ON SALE December 14 & 15

Our Friends from Bethlehem will bring their artwork. Come and purchase your Christmas Gifts.

# DONATIONS

# **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Once again this year, the community will organize Christmas baskets for families in need. If you wish to donate a basket of food, toys, new clothing, etc. please contact Anna

Maria Rutigliano and leave your name with her. If you know of someone in need, also contact her. You will be matched with a family in need two weeks before Christmas so that those who benefit from your love and generosity may receive your gift in time for Christmas. Please call Anna Maria at 416-525-1965.

# **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST**



Knights of Columbus Council 10283 is sponsoring the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Open to children between the ages of 5 and 14, prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of three age categories.

Posters must be 11 X 17 inches in size and reflect the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme with a visual image. Drawing paper can be picked up in the sacristy and each poster must include the child's name, age and contact information for the child's family. The deadline for submissions of posters to the sacristy is Monday, December 16. Winners will be announced in the bulletin before Christmas. Winning posters will advance to regional and state competitions. Good Luck!

# **ADVENT REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS**



God comes to establish his lordship in our history, today, every day, in our life; and there – where it is welcomed with faith and humility-love, joy and peace blossom.

The condition for entering and being a part of the kingdom is to implement a change in our

life, which is to convert, to convert every day, to take a step forward each day. By preparing the way of the Lord does not take away our freedom, but gives us true happiness. We prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight when we examine our conscience, when we scrutinize our attitudes, in order to eliminate sinful manners which are not from God: success at all costs; power to the detriment of the weak; the desire for wealth; pleasure at any price.

Christmas is a day of great joy, even external, but above all, it is a religious event for which a spiritual preparation is necessary. In this season of Advent, let us be guided by the Baptist's exhortation: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!", he tells us (v. 3).

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